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Senate Resolution 367

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Georgia Central Bank; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Georgia Central Bank represents real community banking where the customers
- 3 are not just another number; and
- 4 WHEREAS, in 1923, members of the community of Social Circle founded Social Circle
- 5 Bank, and in the 1950s its assets reached \$1 million; and
- 6 WHEREAS, on June 18, 1953, the bank adopted official bylaws and chose a board of
- 7 directors; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the ownership of the bank changed several times until late in 1963, the citizens
- 9 of Social Circle regained control of the bank and around that time Roy J. Malcom, Sr.,
- 10 became the president of Social Circle Bank; and
- WHEREAS, in 1975, the bank assets reached \$8.7 million, a new branch was opened in
- 12 Monroe, and the bank was renamed the Georgia Central Bank; and
- 13 WHEREAS, on May 17, 1984, Georgia Central Bancshares, Inc. was established as the
- 14 holding company of Georgia Central Bank, and the founding directors of Georgia Central
- 15 Bancshares, Inc. were: Eugene C. Dally, A.T. Bray, Luke R. Lassiter, Frank E. Christian,
- John T. Preston, Jr., and Roy J. Malcom, Sr., and the bank assets had reached \$15.8 million;
- 17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Georgia Central Bancshares, Inc. and a board of
- 19 directors made up of community members, the bank continued to prosper, and in 1989, five
- 20 years after Georgia Central Bancshares, Inc. was established, bank assets reached \$33.8
- 21 million; and

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1 WHEREAS, by 2000, bank assets had reached \$63.9 million and after the death of Roy J.

- 2 Malcom, Sr., the Executive Vice President, Myra W. Hargrove, became President of Georgia
- 3 Central Bank; and
- 4 WHEREAS, growth continued and in 2001, with assets at \$69.5 million, the decision was
- 5 made to open a new branch office in Covington, Georgia, to meet the needs of customers in
- 6 that area; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Roy J. Malcom, Jr. became the bank's current president in 2002 and in 2003,
- 8 Georgia Central Bank celebrated its 80th anniversary of serving the local community as the
- 9 banks assets surpassed \$80 million; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Georgia Central Bank is positioning itself to become a market leader with the
- purpose of providing banking and financial services of the highest quality and to use every
- 12 opportunity to provide real community banking to its customer base.
- 13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 14 commend the philosophy and community banking principles espoused by the Georgia
- 15 Central Bank.
- 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 17 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the president of the Georgia Central
- 18 Bank.